CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1985, 7:30 P.M. IN ROOM H-333-6, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

Documents Considered At This Meeting:

BD-40-D1	Information Package on the Restructuring of Senate
BD-40-D2A	Academic Orientation Report
BD-40-D4	Student Advocacy Program
BD-40-D5	Finance Department Report
BD-40-D6	Election Report
BD-40-D7	External Dept. Report on ANEQ Meeting of Sept. 28-29/85
BD-40-D8	Communications Vice-President Report
BD-40-D9	CUSASET Inc. General Review
BD-40-D10	Co-Presidents Report

1. Call To Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox
Michael Judson

Commerce:

George Berberi
Elizabeth Laett (9:30)
Shirleen Weekes

Engineering:

Dan Artola
Andrew Haberl (8:30)
Martin Pereira (8:25)

Arts and Science:

Adrian Chomenko
Andy King
Maki Kusano
Chris Mostovac
Lorne Lecker
Mark Pink (8:10)
Heather Rerrie
Jim Schneider (8:00)

Fine Arts:

David Etherington
Ian Fleet

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maria Calderone, Milva D'Aronco (W/R), Carla Grodis (W/R),Jennifer Stark, Karen Takacs (W/R)
Commerce: Janice Domaratzki, Jenny Rice (W/R)
Engineering: Jonathan Jolivet.
Fine Arts: Ian Chuprun (W/R), Page Lopez.

Advisors to the Board Present: Francois Desrosiers, External V.P.; Yael Lifshitz, Education V.P.; Aleem Lakhani, Student Services V.P.; Paul Gott, Chief Returning Officer.

Scott White made sure that Directors had all Documents for this meeting.

(8:00)

2. Approval of Agenda:

The following changes were made to the Agenda:

ADD Physical Resources V.P. Report as Item 5d).
ADD Elections Report after Approval of Agenda as this Report must be received by the Board before the new Directors can vote.
ADD CUSASET General Review (BD-40-D9) as Item 5e).

Agenda Approved as Amended.

2.a) Election Report:

Paul Gott distributed the Election Report which was received by the Board. In his Report he recommends a by-election to fill the two (2) remaining vacant seats in Commerce. He proposed the dates of November 19 and 20th as voting days.

MOTION 242:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-Election to fill the two (2) vacant Commerce Seats on the Board of Directors be held on November 19, and 20, 1985:

Moved by: Maki Kusano
Seconded by: Heather Rerrie

Discussion:

Maki stated that she would like to see the by-election advertised more and it was also suggested that Commerce Directors help to publicize the vacancies as well.

VOTE ON MOTION 242: UNANIMOUS

3. Approval of Minutes of 37th and 38th Meetings:

No Minutes available at this time.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Scott White asked the new Directors to introduce themselves and Directors and Executives introduced themselves to the new Directors.

Scott announced that he has received a letter of resignation from Aleem Lakhani, Student Services V.P. Chris Mostovac asked Aleem if he had anything to say to the Board and Aleem replied that he wants to concentrate on his involvement in Anti Apartheid and Human Rights groups. Aleem also stated that he will still be involved in his old portfolio.

Scott stated that numerous Executives have submitted Reports and he hopes Directors will read them. He also stated that Executives would like to see Directors become more involved with CUSA.

5. Reports:

a). Concordia Orientation Week Reports (BD-40-D2):

Mike Clement, Orientation Chairperson, stated that the reports are finished and he'll hand them into Ron and Mike as it's up to their discretion to make it public in whole or in part.

Mike stated that some events were not greatly attended and some of the afternoon pubs were not too popular due to the weather.

The bottom line on the financial subsidy, is that CUSA pays only $5,500.

As for the Academic Report (BD-40-D2A) Jennifer Zaremba could not be present at this meeting.

b). Handbook Report (BD-40-D3:

David Hunt, Handbook Editor, is not present therefore this item will have to be postponed.

c). Co-President's Report (BD-40-D10):

Ron stated that all Directors should have a copy of the report. He pointed out the items concerning the transfer of $99,000.00 from CUSA to the University as partial payment of the Campus Centre debt. He stated that the effect of the loss of capital is not known right now. Perhaps by the end of the year it will get a bit tighter, however our surplus would enable CUSA to obtain a short term loan if needed.

(8:30)

Ron stated that the Co-Presidents are determined to settle the problem of the outstanding debt as soon as possible. They hope to get an agreement in writing so as not to run into the same problems in coming years. He also stated that plans for renovations are still in progress with the architects.

It was asked how come the debt goes back so far. Ron explained that no imputation charges (heating, electricity, etc.) have been paid since the year before CUSACORP started up with the intention of payment being made once CUSACORP was running at peak efficiency. Maki Kusano stated that she is under the impression that the CUSACORP debt is less than previous debts. Ron stated that some of the deficit has been pushed into the accumulated deficit and at this point (after the payment of $99,000.00) the accumulated deficit remains at $43,000.00, however, the charges for 1985-86 have not been included.

Michael Judson stated that CUSA has hired two new employees. The new Secretary of the Association is Jo Howard, whom Michael introduced to the Board. He also stated that Brian Bourgeois has been hired as Bookkeeper. It was asked if Brian is a student and Michael replied that he is.

d). Physical Resources V.P. Report:

Heather Rerrie gave a report on behalf of Ruth Tovim, Physical Resources V.P. The report stated that the sole remaining typewriter in the typing room at Loyola has been moved into an Executive Office so as to allow access and the move frees up an office to be used by the Student Advocates. The report also mentioned various changes to the Link space on the third floor of the Centennial Building. The space is now shared by the Link, the CUSA Job Bank and various clubs.

e). CUSASET Inc. General Review (BD-40-D9):

Aleem is not present in the room at this point, therefore Francois Desrosiers spoke on his behalf concerning the report. He stated that Aleem's preference is to keep a part-time operation in order to cut the losses which CUSA would incur if the equipment was liquidated. Chris Mostovac stated that his main concern is the establishment of a part time operation with defined parameters. Would it be considered a club with its own constitution. Francois stated that when Aleem returns to the meeting, Directors could direct their questions to him.

6. Question Period:

Several Directors asked why there is no coffee at this meeting and Scott stated that he is fed up with having to make the coffee and perhaps Directors could volunteer to do this before the meetings. Dan Artola and George Berberi both volunteered to do so in the future.

Andy King asked if it is true that Yael Lifshitz, Education V.P. has sided with the Administration concerning the restructuring of Senate. Yael stated that two meetings ago she urged the Board of Directors to pass a motion against the re-structuring, which was done and she also stated that she voted against the proposal at Senate.

Mark Pink stated that he has been approached by a student who wished to sit on the Cheating and Appeals Committee. The student stated that he was having trouble getting this done and that Yael had lost his application and had stalled the student on the request. Yael answered that it is Academic Council who handles such appointments, not the Education V.P. and that she directed the student to Harris Breslow of Academic Council.

((8:45)

David Etherington asked Yael what is happening concerning the Design Program Proposal coming up at Senate. Yael stated that she and Randy Orr, Caucus Leader, have been working with Fine Arts Students' Association representatives on this issue.

Chris Mostovac asked Yael what is happening concerning the Professor Poirier matter and Yael replied that it is up before the Personnel Committee of the Board of Governors, and as such, it is a confidential matter.

As Aleem returned to the meeting, Mark Pink asked questions concerning the equipment at CUSASET. He stated that he had heard that a computer was missing, and he wanted to know who had access to the old CUSASET offices.

Aleem replied that himlself, Milva D'Aronco and David Hunt had access. About the missing computer, he stated that he did locate it and he was informed that it would be returned. Apparently, when it was returned, it was left somewhere, however, Aleem was never able to locate it. Mark Pink then asked if an official police report was ever made and Aleem replied that none was made, but that a police officer was dispatched to the person's house who had taken the computer and nothing was found. Ron Hiscox will give an official report of this at the next meeting.

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Aleem then stated that there are three alternatives regarding CUSASET. He has consulted with all user groups and the report expresses what the users would like to see done with the equipment.

7. New Business:

a) C.C.S.L. Appointments:

Michael Judson stated that there are six (6) vacant seats on CCSL (Concordia Council on Student Life) and that there are three nominees here tonight to fill three of the six seats. CCSL is a non-academic body which reports to the Board of Governors and allocates budgets for Dean of Students Office, Guidance, Athletics and the International Student Advisor. Their operating budget is from the collection of the Student Services Fee.

It was decided that the candidates should address the Board and then the Board would vote on their choices by secret ballot.

Candidate: Martin Pereira:

Martin Pereira stated that he worked on the Role of Athletics Committee of CCSL over the summer months. He is very interested to sit on this body and see that the needs of students are served. He also worked recently on the Emergency Loan Fund.

Candidate: Joanne Bergeron:

Joanne Bergeron is a second year student studying Translation. She is very interested in working on this body as it deals with important student issues, such as the Emergency Loan Fund. She would very much like to get involved in an area such as CCSL.

It was asked what Joanne thinks of Athletics and the Role of Athletics Committee. She replied that she feels that students should be more informed about what Athletics has to offer and of any proposed changes to the programs.

Candidate: Michael Judson:

Michael stated he has been sitting on CCSL since April and was involved in the Role of Athletics Committee, which was responsible for abolishing user fees. He would like to remain on CCSL to see that more changes are affected in the Athletics department, such as a more equal distribution of funds (i.e. varsity vs. intramurals).

Dan Artola stated that he feels the abolition of the user fee has led to people signing up for intramurals teams and then failing to participate. Michael stated that since the fee was abolished, usership has been on the increase.

(9:15)

Directors were given ballots to mark down up to three names.

Elected to C.C.S.L. are:

Martin Pereira
Joanne Bergeron
Michael Judson

b) Appointments to University Senate:

Yael Lifshitz stated that there are still 9 seats vacant, and that there are six (6) candidates in attendance at this meeting.

It was decided to have the candidates address the Board, and then have the Board vote by secret ballot.

Candidate: Dan Artola - Engineering and Computer Science:

Dan stated that he wants to get involved to do his best and to be in attendance at all meetings. He wants to ensure that students' interests are served. He stated that Senate would not complicate his schedule as it meets only once a month on a Friday.

Candidate: Laurie Clark - Arts and Science:

Laurie stated that she is a first year student. She is not too involved at this point, however she is willing to learn and will do her best to serve students' interests.

Candidate: David Dunleavy - Engineering and Computer Science:

David stated he is a fourth year Engineering student and that he served on Senate last year. He knows the processes and issues and has good contacts with professors. He is also a member of the Garnet Key Society.

Candidate: Mark Dunn - Fine Arts:

Mark stated that he is a second year Art History student. He has a knowledge of the Fine Arts faculty and the issues concerning Fine Arts which are coming up at Senate.

Candidate: Aris Kekedjian - Commerce and Administration:

Aris stated that he doesn't feel his lack of experience will hinder him from serving students on Senate. He is enthusiastic and wants to get involved. He stated that he is reliable and strongly believes in student representation.

Candidate: Jae Kukurugya - Fine Arts:

Jae stated that she has had five years of post secondary education. She also worked for three years as a secretary at the University of Toronto. She is well aware of the problems students face and is dissatisfied in not having a voice. She wants to ensure that students are heard and she feels she could ensure that this done as a Senator.

Directors were given ballots and asked to mark down up to six names.

Elected to Senate are:

Dan Artola
Laurie Clark
David Dunleavy
Mark Dunn
Aris Kekedjian
Jae Kukurugya

c) Discussion on Senate Re-Structuring (BD-40-D1):

The Motion passed at the 38th Board Meeting has been sent to the Secretary of Senate and the four Faculty Councils. Yael stated that the Arts and Science Faculty Council also passed a motion opposing the proposed Senate re-structuring. This motion was sent to the Deans of Arts and Science and Commerce. She also stated that Arts and Science Departmental Association representatives are lobbying their professors to take a stand at the Faculty Council level and the same is being done in the faculty of Commerce.

(9:45)

She stated that it is hoped that if these motions opposing the proposed re-structuring pass at the Faculty Council level then the proposed changes hopefully will not pass at Senate. It was also stated that some Senators were not aware that the student seats on Senate are broken down by faculty. The proposal to re-structure is coming up at the November meeting of Senate. It was then stated that the proposal seems to have been put on the October Agenda as an addendum. Yael stated that she will check that out first thing in the morning.

d) Student Advocacy Programme (BD-40-D4):

Ron Hiscox apologized for the delay in bring this issue to the Board.

MOTION 243:

WHEREAS the need for a program dealing with the problems students encounter with the Administration of the University is apparent, and;

WHEREAS the application of a student's rights are often dependent upon the individual students ability to articulate those rights, against a sometimes overwhelming bureaucracy, and;

WHEREAS not every student has the time, ability, experience or knowledge to obtain the desired equitable result, and;

WHEREAS Judicial Board handles the internal disputes of CUSA and no body within CUSA exists to help students with problems relating to the University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors acknowledge the existence of a committee of the Education Department, called the Student Advocacy Program with the following responsibilities and powers:

1. To assist every undergraduate student in all enquiries and grievances against the University Administration and Faculty.
2. To conduct any investigations relevant to the complaint.
3. To represent students who so desire at any and all University Hearings at which the students standing at the University may be in jeopardy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The co-ordinator of the Student Advocacy Program be appointed by the Board of Directors, the student advocates will be appointed by the Co-ordinator and ratified by the Board of Directors; the normal number being three, and;
2. The mandate of the Student Advocate shall normally be from September 1 to August 31 of the calendar year. The Student Advocate who is coming to the end of their term will therefore not accept cases after September 1. These cases will be given to the newly appointed Advocates, and;
3. The Student Advocate be allowed to refuse cases where it is felt that to take such a case would be unwarranted due to its frivolous nature or absence of basis in truth.

Moved by: Ron Hiscox
Seconded by: Heather Rerrie

Discussion:

Ron stated that he would like to see this department run autonomously and that the people running it would look for their own successors. The program is still part of the Education Department however, it is not as much a part as other education committees.

It was asked what the Student Advocacy Program does and Ron answered that it deals with regulations pertaining to cheating, course evaluation, etc. for students. It was asked what the difference is between Student Advocacy and the University Ombudsman. Sam Black answered that the Ombudsman is completely impartial and is only there to give advice to students on their course of action. Sam Black also stated that Judicial Board deals only with internal CUSA matters. The Student Advocacy Program enables students to have an advocate to go into the meetings with University administrators or faculty to ensure that the student is being treated fairly in the course of a hearing and that their rights are protected.

Dan Artola asked what the student at large can expect from the Student Advocate if these people are not being paid. Sam Black replied that he and John Scott both are both willing to see that this program runs smoothly and he also stated that they will do their best to protect students rights.

Yael explained that she objects to the last part of the motion concerning "absence of basis in truth" and she asked that it be elaborated on. Sam and John explained that if the case is obviously a blatant lie, then it should be up to the advocates to reject the case.

(10:00)

Andy Haberl feels that the motion is a bare bones proposal but it needs some filling out. Sam Black states that the University Calendar states the existence of hearings and that the students have a right to representation.

Directors feel the need for more information - perhaps a Constitution. Chris Mostovac suggests that Directors are perhaps misguided in their views, but the two persons, Sam Black and John Scott, who are wanting to start the program should be given the support of the Board.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Chris Mostovac
Seconded by: Andy Haberl

VOTE ON ENDING DEBATE: 14/0/1

VOTE ON MOTION 243: 14/0/1 Carried

MOTION 244:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT John Scott and Sam Black be ratified as Student Advocates.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

VOTE ON MOTION 244: UNANIMOUS

e) Appointment of Carnival Chairperson:

It was stated that there was some mix-up with the applications received for the position. Michael Judson feels that Alex Commodari is the best candidate for the job however, the other two candidates were not notified of this meeting. There was some discussion of whether this position was simply a ratification of the Board. Directors felt that the three persons who applied should all have a fair chance and all be interviewed.

MOTION 245:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ad Hoc Committee to hire someone for the position of Carnival Chairperson be set up and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee consist of one Co-President and one Director from each of the four faculties and that this Committee perform its task within 48 hours.

Moved by: Andy King
Seconded by: Maki Kusano

VOTE ON MOTION 245: UNANIMOUS

Composition of the Committee:

Michael Judson	Co-President
Shirleen Weekes	Director - Commerce
Chris Mostovac	Director - Arts and Science
Andy Haberl	Director - Engineering and Computer Science
David Etherington	Director - Fine Arts

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8. Announcements:

Francois announced that he will be giving information to Directors at the next meeting concerning the ANEQ Referendum.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

G. Scott White, Chairperson

Peggy O'Neill, Recording Secretary